

YEAR 9 OPTIONAL SUBJECT DESCRIPTIONS

TECHNOLOGY

TECHNOLOGY PRODUCT DESIGN (9PDT)

You will learn to:

- Create and evaluate design ideas through modelling and feedback.
- Develop a conceptual design and use problem solving skills to make your outcome.
- Practice safe and correct techniques when using various hand tools and power tools.
- Trial and evaluate how well your completed outcome serves its purpose.

TECHNOLOGY DESIGN & VISUAL COMMUNICATION (9DVC)

You will learn to:

- Visualise in 2 and 3 dimensions
- Produce design sketches that communicate visual understanding and information
- Produce outcomes to design problems
- Produce working drawings used to manufacture outcomes
- Use rendering techniques to help create realistic visuals showing form and function

TECHNOLOGY FABRIC (9TFA)

You will learn to:

- Experiment with an introductory range of textile skills and techniques
- Experiment with painting techniques on textiles
- Learn about some properties of fabrics and their uses
- Design a practical textile outcome using new knowledge and skills
- Create a final product from an own design
- Critically evaluate a final product against the intended design outcome

COMPUTER STUDIES TECHNOLOGY (9COM)

You will learn to:

- Develop a 2D platform game
- Follow a technology process to create a high quality outcome
- Test, trial and evaluate your outcome



LANGUAGES

CHINESE (MANDARIN) (9CHI)

You will learn to:

- Understand and use familiar expressions and everyday vocabulary at levels 1 & 2 of the curriculum
- Interact in supported situations, e.g. have a conversation or write short sentences
- Receive and produce information, e.g. communicate about yourself: give personal details, talk about yourself in terms of likes and dislikes, hobbies etc.
- Demonstrate knowledge of Chinese culture
- Produce and respond to questions and requests
- Express opinions using familiar language and use fixed expressions about time, date, seasons and weather

GERMAN (9GER)

You will learn to:

- Understand and use familiar expressions and everyday vocabulary
- Interact in supported situations, e.g. have a conversation in German or introduce yourself in an email
- Receive and produce information
- Produce and respond to questions and requests
- Show social awareness when interacting with others
- Communicate about yourself, your family, hobbies and interests, pets and school, likes and dislikes
- Express opinions using familiar language and use fixed expressions about time, date, seasons and weather
- Understand German culture, festivals, food and music

JAPANESE (9JAP)

You will learn to:

- Understand and use familiar expressions and everyday vocabulary
- Interact in supported situations, eg: have a conversation about yourself in Japanese
- Produce and respond to questions and requests
- Show social awareness when interacting with others
- Communicate about yourself and your likes and dislikes
- Communicate about your school life
- Understand Japanese culture
- Read and write the Hiragana script



SPANISH (9SPA)

You will learn to:

- Understand and use familiar expressions and everyday vocabulary
- Interact in supported situations e.g. have a conversation write short sentences
- Receive and produce information, e.g. communicate about yourself, give personal details, talk about yourself in terms of likes and dislikes, hobbies etc.
- Demonstrate knowledge of Hispanic culture
- Produce and respond to questions and requests
- Express opinions using familiar language and use fixed expressions about time, date, seasons and weather

TE REO MĀORI (9MAO)

You will learn to:

- Understand and use familiar expressions and everyday vocabulary
- Learn and recite karakia
- Identify Māori key words and pronounce them correctly
- Communicate about themselves in Māori
- Talk about their family tree and history (iwi, hapu, awa, wkaa)
- Communicate about school, subjects, sport and school friends
- Learn about the Māori story of creation and the deities involved and protocol on the marae
- Understand protocol on the marae

THE ARTS

DANCE (9DAN)

You will learn to:

- Develop personal movement vocabularies and performance skills
- Respond to dance and develop choreography skills by exploring the elements and choreographic devices of dance
- Research, explore and describe dances from a variety of cultures and social backgrounds
- Understand the background of how different social and cultural dances came about and how different eras or social contexts have an influence on each style

DRAMA (9DRA)

You will learn to:

- Present and respond to drama, identifying ways in which elements, conventions, techniques and technologies create meaning in your own and others' work
- Investigate the functions, purposes and technologies of drama in cultural and historical contexts such as a modern twist on a myth or legend
- Initiate and refine ideas with others to plan and develop drama
- Select and use techniques and relevant technologies to develop and structure drama



MUSIC (9MUS)

You will learn to:

- Prepare and perform simple musical items as an individual
- Perform music within a group
- Understand the elements and theory of music, particularly rhythm and pitch
- Investigate a style of music

MUSIC Band Class (9MUW)

You will learn to:

- Prepare and perform simple musical items as an individual on a wind instrument
- Perform music within a group on a wind instrument
- Understand the elements and theory of music, particularly rhythm and pitch
- Participate in a wind ensemble and develop an understanding of tone, tuning and balance
- Investigate various styles of music

ART (9VRT)

You will learn to:

- Solve visual problems using a range of drawing, painting and sculptural techniques
- Use a range of materials and processes to make art works
- Develop and experiment with ideas in drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture
- Look at the work of artists to understand how others see the world